



Ayesha Mosque

Serving the Kamloops and surrounding communities since 2007.

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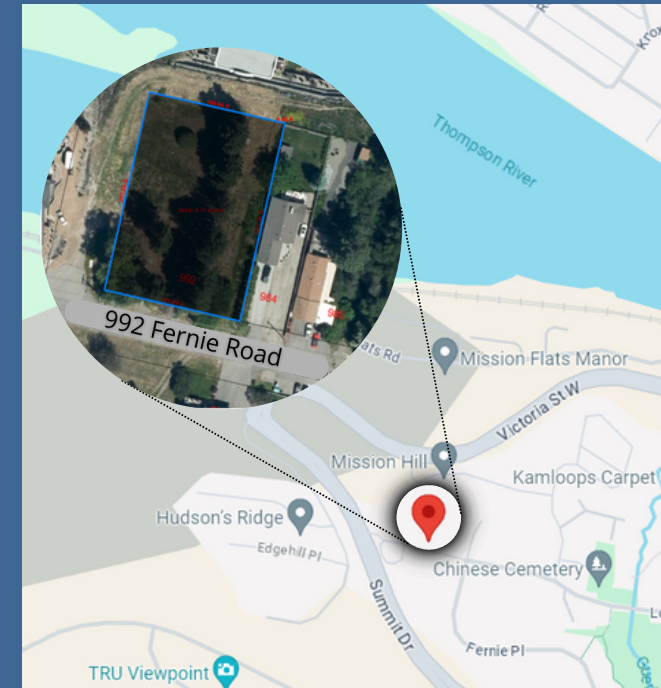


“The believer’s shade on the Day of Resurrection will be their charity.”
-Hadith, Tirmidhi



A Place of Prayer

Situated on the outskirts of Kamloops, in the Thompson-Okanagan region, Ayesha Mosque has been a beacon for the community. After the Kamloops Islamic Association (KIA) was established in 2003, Ayesha Mosque soon followed in 2007, and now serves 700+ Muslims and others in the broader community of Kamloops and the surrounding areas. The Kamloops Islamic Association is registered under the CRA and incorporated under the BC Society Act.



Challenges

Currently, Ayesha Mosque is situated in Knutsford, approximately 12 kilometers from the heart of Kamloops. Unfortunately, Ayesha Mosque lacks certain essential services. Knutsford is not connected to the city water supply, lacks a sanitary system, and transit buses do not extend their routes to this area. The water supply is subject to a boil advisory, and sewage is cleared monthly. Due to its remote location, Ayesha Mosque has been unable to offer five daily prayers.

Our Community

We offer weekly Jummaah prayer, Ramadan Taraweeh, Eid events, weekly Quran Madrasa, Islamic studies classes and various other services including marriage and burial services. Additionally, the mosque is involved in domestic and international relief efforts and supports local winter shelters annually.



Islamic Education

Ayesha Mosque is run by the Kamloops Islamic Association (KIA) which strives to empower the youth with the knowledge of Islam. The following are programs offered:

- Children's Islamic Studies (6-13) "Alif Lam Meem Program"
- Youth Islamic Studies (13+) Islamic studies
- Weekly Quran Classes (13 and under) Every Monday (13+) Every Tuesday

Interfaith Kamloops

The Kamloops Islamic Association is an active member of Interfaith Kamloops where we collaborate to hold events and interfaith dialogue. We work with Kamloops Immigrant Services and Refugees and Friends Together (RAFT) to help support refugees' sponsorship and settlement in Kamloops. We have helped settle 12 Syrian Refugee families in Kamloops.

Muslim Burial Service

The Kamloops Islamic Association is the sole Muslim burial service provider in Kamloops. We extend the burial services to Thompson Nicola, Cariboo, Shuswap and Okanagan regions. We have secured 230 Muslim grave sites in the Hillside Cemetery with \$200,000 paid and \$200,000 pending.

Da'wah Programs

Ayesha Mosque serves as a vibrant hub for various Dawah programs, actively engaging the community in spiritual dialogue and education. Through a multitude of thoughtfully organized events, we strive to promote understanding, unity, and a deeper connection with our faith ensuring misconceptions about Islam are addressed effectively through open dialogue and learning opportunities. From enlightening lectures to interactive workshops, our Masjid stands as a welcoming space where individuals come together to explore, learn, and strengthen their Islamic knowledge.



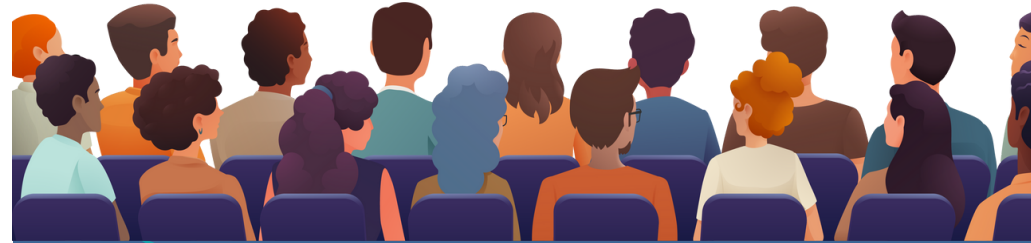
Islamic Scholars

- Muft Aasim Rasheed
- Dr. Reda Bedair
- Shaykh Abdurahman Murad
- Shaykh Yahya Yaffa
- Shaykh Abdullah Andulusi
- Shaykh Yahya Momla .

Da'wah Programs

Open Mosque Day

The Kamloops Islamic Association opened its doors to the general public to bridge gaps between Muslims and Non-Muslims and have positive discussions and discourse about the role of Muslims and Islam in society. Over 200 attended this event and learned about Islam and its customary practices.



Islam 101 Presentation

The Kamloops Islamic Association played a vital role in fostering cultural understanding and awareness by conducting Islam 101 presentations across diverse audiences. Engaging with Merritt High School (150 students), Brock Middle School (70 students), Okanagan Emergency Responders, including paramedics and the fire department, Kamloops Christian School (50 students), and the Kamloops Adult Learning Society (40 adults). The presentations aimed to educate and build bridges of understanding. By providing insights into the principles, practices, and values of Islam, the association sought to promote dialogue, dispel misconceptions, and foster a sense of unity among different segments of the community.

Helping Those in Need



**1,000
Hot
Meals**

Due to Wildfires in 2017, thousands of people were evacuated from Williams Lake and Cache Creek and sheltered in Kamloops where we provided 1,000 hot meals to evacuees. Additionally, we gave the equivalent of \$10,000 in essential supplies to Kamloops, Clearwater and Ashcroft Indian Bands.



**200
Winter
Kits**

Over 200 winter kits were distributed to shelters such as Ask Wellness, Out of the Cold, and Mustard Seed. This initiative continued in 2023, where 75 winter kits were provided. As we look ahead to 2024, our commitment to supporting those in need grows, and we anticipate contributing even more winter kits.



The Kamloops Islamic Association has contributed \$10,000 to support the Kamloops Royal Inland Hospital in acquiring rapid life-saving equipment.

Plaque Recognizing Donors, located in Royal Inland Hospital Kamloops, BC in acquiring rapid life-saving equipment.



Helping Those in Need



Humanitarian Support

Bangladesh and Afghanistan (flooding and earthquake relief efforts): \$6,500.00
Turkey and Syria (earthquake relief efforts): \$14,301.10
Morocco and Libya (earthquake relief efforts): \$8,203.00
Palestine and Gaza (humanitarian crisis relief efforts): \$20,480.05
Yemen (hunger and humanitarian crisis relief efforts): \$9,265.00
Annual Sponsorship to National Council of Canadian Muslims: \$10,000.00

We support:



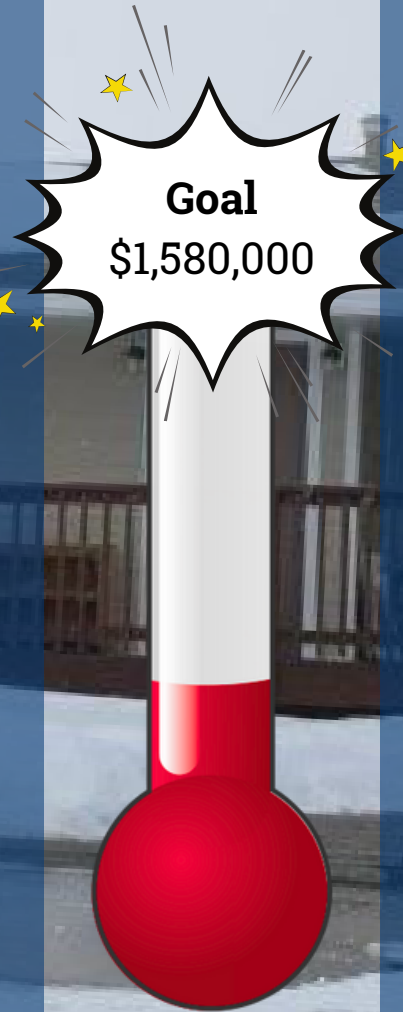
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Mosque Relocation

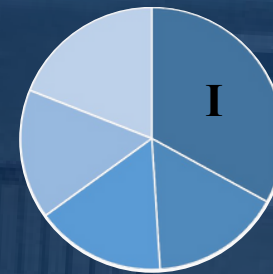
Why are we relocating?

Ayesha Mosque is currently located outside of Kamloops' city limits. It is not serviced by transportation, city water or sanitary. The capacity of the current location is no longer suitable for the growing Muslim community in Kamloops which requires a central and easily accessible mosque for worship. Additionally, the current location makes it difficult to reach a broader audience for our da'wah and interfaith outreach programs.

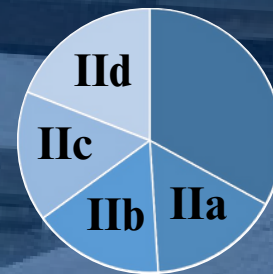


Phase-Based Approach

We have divided our relocation process into two phases:



Phase I - Current Phase
Purchase parcel of land
(992 Fernie Road)



Phase II
a) Adjacent city land purchase
b) Rezoning
c) Design
d) Construction

Currently Committed
\$527,618.95

Our Vision



Kamloops Islamic Association is actively exploring opportunities to establish Waqf entity and its associated services for Kamloops and surrounding regions. Our vision is to establish a mosque and an Islamic Centre that will be a replica of the Mosque of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) where no hungry will return without food, no needy will return without support, the unemployed will be connected with community resources and those seeking knowledge about Islam will be provided education through reliable resources. The very first step towards this vision is to relocate the mosque to this centralized and accessible location and establish its primary functions while continuously extending its operations and services as an Islamic Centre supporting broader community needs.



Donate Today

Help us reach our goal by April 15, 2024

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